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DEMOCRACY AND CO-OPERATION.

There is a want of ingenuously, if not of patriotism, in all those Democrats who, with an assumption of devotion to principle, that the party cannot co-operate with other elements of opposition to Radicalism, without a sacrifice of its name, its organization, its principles, and its ambition to rule or ruin. The Bourbon element is evidently influenced by the consideration that a victory won by such a coalition, will not be a purely democratic victory and that the honors and the spoils may have to be too much subdivided. Even if co-operation necessarily involved fusion, the love of country and of liberty should prompt that party of the constitution to sacrifice its identity, if by so doing it can defend the party of centralization and despotism. What do the old line whigs care for their honored name and glorious prestige if their principles can be preserved by another combination and under a different name?

But the fear entertained by the Democrats that they may lose their identity by co-operation is puerile. The fusion of parties to beat Van Buren was followed by no such result. It was a temporary expedient to defeat real or supposed maladministration of the government, and the democratic party was perhaps as strong after as before the co-operation. The co-operation of parties, in this State, to defeat Radicalism was a signal success, and the democratic party would, to-day, be as strong as before that coalition had it not succeeded, last year, from the conservative party in a foolish effort to carry the State under the lead of Andy Johnson—which act of had faith won for it neither strength nor honor, and well nigh carried the State to Radicalism. The attempt at Cincinnati, to unite the opposition against the dominant party was opposed by the Bourbon element and because they could not control the entire Democracy may evince their patriotism by going over to the Radical party whilst many, not so Bourbonish, illustrated their devotion to liberty and the constitution by declining to vote.

It is not by such conduct as this that Democracy can prove its patriotism, or commend itself as the only instrumentality by which government should be corrected and the constitution restored to its supremacy. And now again, when the Ohio Democrats are invited by a portion of Ohio Democrats to co-operate with all elements of opposition, the answer is, substantially, that Democracy will do the work required, in its own name, or it shall not be done at all. Yes, they will do it as they did Tennessee, split the Conservative party because it did not march under a flag inscribed with the word Democratic, and subject Ohio once more to Radical rule. The crisis is, impending since the war, is one that demands the prompt sacrifice of prejudice, not principle, and calls for the co-operation of all the honest, intelligent and patriotic men of a party, to band together, not as a new party, nor under any name, save that of conservatives or patriots, to clear the way for reform by removing the greatest obstacle—the Radical party from its position of power. This is the first step—indeed the only one that can be taken which will make reform possible.

The Radicals have shown that they have not the will to correct abuses, and gross corruption incapacitates them for any good work. Democracy is unable, without the aid of liberal Republicans, to overthrow the administration, and if it reject the only means by which reform can be made possible, wherein is that party less to blame than the Radical, for the longer continuance of corrupt misrule. The man who could, but would not, prevent a murder, is morally as guilty as the murderer.

The troubles in Arkansas are a complication of unending villainy, gross corruption, even by Radicals. This situation may be explained in a few words. Brooks and Baxter were opposing candidates for Governor—Brooks, of the liberal-conservatives and Baxter of the Radicals. Brooks was elected by a handsome majority, but the Radicals, true to their instincts, counted him out, and Baxter in the latter, under a sporadic impulse of patriotism, resolved to be Governor of the State—not of his party. This resolve and his subsequent acts and utterances alienated his party and drew around him the bulk of those who voted against him and put Smith, Lieutenant Governor, in his place. The attempt to change his name, and then Brooks who had been fairly elected, and fraudulently defeated by the Radicals, told the villains that he would be their man if they would help him to oust Baxter. The attempt is being made and the Radicals are willing to admit and show up their own baseness, if by so doing they can make Brooks Governor. And thus stands a political contest for power, unparalleled in the history of parties, not merely in its unmitigated scoundrelism, but in its impudent avowal. And all this transpiring under the best government &c., &c., the chief officers of which are in league and open alliance with the dirty actors in the disgusting farce of pretended popular sovereignty and States Rights.

The second son of Queen Victoria is to marry the only daughter of the Czar of Russia. Will such a union be followed by a division of the East between England and Russia.

The murderer of Goodrich has been arrested and proves to be Kate Stoddard, who has made a full confession. Another case, we suppose, of emotional insanity, since love for the victim was the sole motive for the crime.

CALIFORNIA has had an accession to her population, of 12,000 Chinese and Japanese, in the last six months. Future generations will be at a loss to know what was the original color of the people of the United States.

It is uncertain whether Andrew Johnson will settle in Washington city, Knoxville, or Nashville.

GRANT AND THE CONSTITUTION.

The first section of the second article of the Constitution is in these words: "The President shall, at stated times, receive for his services, a compensation which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that period any other emolument from the United States or any of them."

The question is whether Grant did or did not, violate this clause of the Constitution, when he signed the grab bill, and whether he can legally hold the increased salary obtained through the passage of that law? The solution of the question may be reached by a very simple process. If Grant signed the bill before his first term expired, he violated this clause of the Constitution. If he signed it after the second term commenced, he is equally guilty of its violation. Being his own successor, there was no intermediate moment when he was not President, and during which *inter regnum* he could have signed his name. But even if some radical, half-splitting constitutionalist can find a gap between the close of one term and the opening of another, in which the feat could have been performed, still the spirit of the Constitution would have been violated, for its intention clearly is that no President shall increase his compensation during the period for which he shall have been elected. And Grant did so, and during which *inter regnum* he could have signed his name. But even if some radical, half-splitting constitutionalist can find a gap between the close of one term and the opening of another, in which the feat could have been performed, still the spirit of the Constitution would have been violated, for its intention clearly is that no President shall increase his compensation during the period for which he shall have been elected. And Grant did so, and during which *inter regnum* he could have signed his name.

THE Cincinnati Commercial thinks South Carolina had better pay its debt, twice over, than repudiate. That editor's morals, as well as politics, are decidedly Radical. Suppose some man were to forge his name and draw a large sum of money thereon, would the editor pay it? Of course not. Because it would be a fraud Grant and his money, which he was not bound. Well, it is by a similar fraudulent proceeding that South Carolina's enormous debt has been created, and which it is no more bound, in law or equity, to pay, than would be the Commercial to pay the debt created by the forged check. And if the latter's refusal to pay can stand upon his honor, why should it dishonor South Carolina to refuse to pay a debt created fraudulently and therefore, illegally? Repudiation of an honest debt, ought to disgrace individuals or States, but it is sheer nonsense to talk about attaching disgrace to the repudiation of a dishonest debt created by rogues over the forged names of honest men. The administration is the creator of South Carolina's debt—let the federal government pay it.

THE New York Herald, with its skill in reading minds, believes it is mistaken in supposing that Grant can be turned from his purpose of a third term, by any consideration of old popularity. Money is more to him than character, and he is in for \$100,000 extra attached to a third term. More than this, it will be found that the Radical mail will back him. A few Radical aspirants will oppose the movement from selfish considerations, but will ultimately yield and give him their support, for the sake of Radicalism.

It has not yet been made public who is the fortunate winner of the great Louisiana prize. There is a mystery about it which engenders a happy and gratuitous medium through which to puff and vaunt the excellencies of themselves, their friends, and anything that comes handy. It does matter to us, little as certain people seem to see it, whether we are paid for our space or not, and we feel somewhat disinclined to further continue to impose upon the local or general mass of public interest we think ourselves capable of passing upon their merits and publishing without assistance or hint, but for an individual to urge and insist upon our gratuitously displaying him or his hobby to the public, merely because he thinks it to be the public interest, why upon my word, we'll just take no more in ours.

WE clip the following items from the Springfield Record of the 17th inst: "A man by the name of Ellison, who lives in northern county, died last week of cholera. He had labored in the harvest field all day, drank a great deal of cold water, and quite a quantity of plums and died the following morning."

If Spurge Woodard's wheat fields near his residence had yielded much more than they did, we are of opinion that he would have had to take it out of the fields to stock it.

THE prisoners in our jail attempted to get out last night, since they converted a clock spring into five different saws with which they had cut out of the bars at one of the east windows and escaped.

In the month of May the distillers of Robertson County, manufactured from grain 34,651 gallons of proof whisky—paying a revenue on same of \$22,250. In June the turnout was 36,490 gallons and the revenue was \$34,545. We learn that this is not as much as would have been made had all the distilleries filled the time—some of them having had to discontinue for repairs.

THE daily accounts of crimes, of every grade, committed by old and young, of both sexes, furnish startling proof of the extent to which Radical practice and doctrines have poisoned the fountain of virtue.

THE Conservatives, of Virginia, seem to be working harmoniously, and we have seen no account of a Democratic attempt to disturb that harmony, beyond the dissection of Wise and Mosby directly in the interest of Radicalism.

GRANT has arrived in Washington, to attend the meeting of the trustees of the Peabody fund. He may be surely looked for wherever money is to be the subject of the meeting.

THE \$50,000 prize in the Louisville lottery, was drawn by Willis Worley, member of the Legislature from Giles county.

FROM our observations during the partial prevalence of cholera in our midst, we are led to believe that newspaper discussions of the origin, prevention and cure of that malady, are mischievous in their tendency. The marked differences of opinion among those physicians who write on the subject serve to mystify the popular mind and may lead to grave mistakes in the adoption of curative measures. One learned physician says—"let what you please, so it is sound—drunk puddle water if you choose—none of these ever induced cases of cholera." Another says avoid fruits and vegetables as exciting causes of cholera attacks. One says cholera is as much a specific disease as small-pox, and another that it is entirely malarial. Not one man in a thousand is competent to decide these disputed points, and the remainder are the victims of ignorance confounded, and that upon subjects too vital to be treated in the haphazard style of newspaper controversies. No attempt of that sort, to enlighten the public mind on the origin of cholera, its transmission and probable prevention should be made until thorough research reconciles the opinions and convictions of the leading members of the medical faculty until, in fact, the truth is known and can be impressed upon the popular mind as an incontrovertible fact in medical science. Let the faculty discuss such subjects among themselves—investigate them quietly and with mutual aid, and when the causes of any disease are clearly ascertained and lucidly explained, the people will no longer be so prone to induce them to remove those causes. They will yield obedience to scientific facts, but cannot eliminate truth from a mass of contradictory suggestions and assumptions and therefore do nothing, or do wrong, because they do not know what to do.

A CORRESPONDENT of the New York World says: "The iron-fists of Dixon and Humphreys, counties in Tennessee, one hundred and twenty miles from Memphis, east of the Tennessee River, are famous for the peculiar quality of their ores. The iron is very soft and very tenacious and is deemed of great value. It is used in giving proper qualities, by admixture, to ores taken from Iron Mountain, Missouri. A company has been organized to buy all the iron fields of the counties designated. Three hundred thousand acres have been secured, and the money borrowed will be used in constructing a narrow-gauge railway to the Mississippi at Memphis. The ores are now hauled in wagons to that point, and a company has been organized to buy all the iron fields of the counties designated. Three hundred thousand acres have been secured, and the money borrowed will be used in constructing a narrow-gauge railway to the Mississippi at Memphis. 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